

**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

10 November 1982

Ms Jeanne Schauble  
Supervisory Archivist  
Gerald R. Ford Library  
1000 Beal Avenue  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109

Dear Ms Schauble:

I am a retired senior officer of the Central Intelligence Agency hired back by CIA on contract to prepare the official classified history of William E. Colby's tenure as Director of Central Intelligence (July 1973 - January 1976). The attached letter certifies to my credentials.

This study will focus on how Mr. Colby handled the job, rather than on the substantive events of the period. I am thus researching his relationships with other senior officials in the Ford Administration, particularly those in the White House. A central element in these relationships is the investigations of the Intelligence Community, and CIA in particular, in 1975 and 76.

I would like to ask your help in locating certain materials, if they exist in President Ford's Library, and your advice on how to gain access to them. If your intelligence files are not yet fully organized, with my background I am game to try to find what I need. These materials in general terms are as follows:

Papers of the Intelligence Coordinating Group, especially minutes of its meetings, 1975 - January 1976.

Papers of the (intelligence) Policy Steering Group, also known as the "Executive non-Group," 1975 - January 1976.

Papers of the National Security Council Intelligence Committee (NSCIC), July 1974 - January 1976.

Documents relating to the Presidential Commission on CIA Activities Within the United States (Rockefeller Commission), December 1974 - 1975.

Documents relating to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (Church Committee or HSCI), 1975 - January 1976.

Documents relating to the House Select Committee on Intelligence (Pike Committee or HSCI), 1975 - January 1976, but especially September 1975.

Correspondence between President Ford, Mr. Marsh, Mr. Buchen, Dr. Kissinger or General Scowcroft and William E. Colby, Director of Central Intelligence, August 1974 - January 1976.

Documents otherwise relating to William E. Colby.

I can be reached by mail through Dr. McDonald's office and by telephone on Area Code  Please let me know if any clarification is required. Any help you can give us would be deeply appreciated.

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Very Sincerely,

Richard Lehman

Attachment - 1

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8 November 1982

Ms Jeanne Schable  
Supervisory Archivist  
Gerald R. Ford Library  
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Dear Ms Schable:

This is to authorize access to all security classified CIA documents held at the Ford Library for Mr. Richard L. Lehman, an official historian with the CIA History Staff. Mr. Lehman's letter, to which this letter will be attached, explains the scope and period of his research on former Director William E. Colby.

I can certify that Mr. Lehman has current CIA clearances for Top Secret, SI and TK material; he has additional clearances for access to compartmented information for which I can arrange certification should he require material so classified. I shall send a copy of this letter to Mr. James E. O'Neill, Assistant Archivist for Presidential Libraries at the National Archives and Records Service.

Please call me at [redacted] if I can provide any other information. I shall be grateful for any help you can give Mr. Lehman in this important research.

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Yours sincerely,

[redacted]  
J. Kenneth McDonald  
Chief Historian

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cc: James E. O'Neill  
National Archives  
and Records Service